

Appl. No. 09/960,541
Response dated 8/1/2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 67-93 and 136-171 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Pearson, Excel Version 5 for Windows, published in 1993 by Que Corporation (hereinafter Pearson).

Regarding independent claim 67, the Examiner has stated that Pearson discloses "dynamically applying the pivot value to the family table during a pivot operation to generate and present a preview table in Figure 36.4". Although this language is paraphrased from the actual claim elements, the statement is not correct. A pivot table is generated as a result of the steps shown in Figs. 36.9, 36.10, 36.11, 36.12, 36.13 and 36.14 which is captioned "The pivot table resulting from the layout in 36.12". Pearson therefore describes a static update of a display after going through multiple steps using a Wizard to perform the pivot. After each step, the display is not updated, i.e., there is no "dynamically applying" step disclosed in Pearson since there are many steps that must occur before the resulting changes are shown on the display. Therefore, the reference does not teach at least the following element of Applicant's claim 67, namely "dynamically applying said at least one pivot value to said family table during at least one pivot operation, wherein said at least one pivot operation generates a first preview table of said family data wherein said group of records in said first preview table depends on said at least one pivot value".

In addition, the Examiner has not shown the reference to comprise the elements of the first claim element of claim 67, namely "wherein said family data comprises a subset of a hierarchical structure defined by a partition" in the office action.

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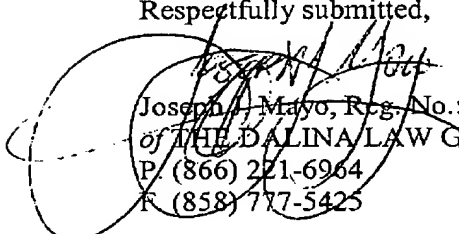
The Examiner has also rejected claim 136 stating "Regarding claims 136-171, the claims are directed toward substantially the same subject matter as claims 67-93, and are rejected using the same rationale. Applicant maintains that the same reasoning in the preceding paragraph regarding the lack of "dynamically applying" in the reference applies to independent claim 136.

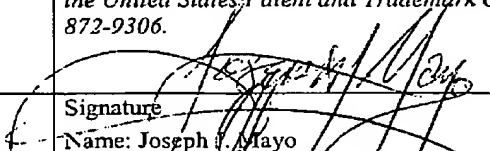
CONCLUSION

Since claims 68-92 depend on claim 67 and since claims 137-171 depend on claim 136 the dependent claims that have been rejected also comprise elements not found in the reference used in order to reject the independent claims 67 and 136.

Therefore, for at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is initiated.

Respectfully submitted,


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